



LISTING OF CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. (Currently Amended) A child safety seat which comprises:

a seat body having opposed side wall portions; a retention harness comprising opposed harness side portions, each harness side portion having a connectible latch; and a retention member carried on each side wall portion to connect and hold each latch in a laterally spaced position from the other latch, to facilitate the placement of a child into the safety seat prior to latching said retention harness latches together, in which each said retention member comprises an extensible member which is biased to retract toward one of said laterally spaced positions, to draw said latches to the side to not be normally caught underneath a child that is placed in the seat.
2. (Original) The safety seat of claim 1 in which said opposed side wall portions further comprise a carrying handle of inverted U shape, having arms attached to the remainder of said opposed side wall portions, each said retention member being carried on one of said arms.
3. (Currently Amended) The safety seat of claim 2 in which each said retention member further comprises a hook member carried on said ~~an~~ extensible member.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently Amended) The safety seat of claim 1 [4] in which said extensible members each comprise a line or strap carried on a spring-biased, rotary spool.
6. (Currently Amended) The safety seat of claim 1 [4] in which said extensible members each comprise a stretchable line or strap.

7. (Original) The safety seat of claim 3 in which said connectible latches each carry a hole to connect with one of said hook members.

8. (Original) The safety seat of claim 1 in which a third, centrally placed, latch member of said retention harness is provided, to latch with said connectible latches.

9. (Currently Amended) A child safety seat which comprises:
a seat body having opposed side wall portions; a retention harness comprising opposed harness side portions, each harness side portion having a connectible latch; and a retention member carried on each side wall portion to connect and hold each latch in a laterally spaced position from the other latch, to facilitate the placement of a child into the safety seat prior to latching said retention harness latches together, each said retention member comprising a hook member carried on an extensible member, said extensible members being biased to retract toward one of said laterally spaced positions, and to carry said harness latches therewith.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The safety seat of claim ~~9~~ 40 in which said extensible members each comprise a line or strap on a spring-biased spool.

12. (Currently Amended) The safety seat of claim ~~9~~ 40 in which said extensible members each comprise a stretchable line or strap.

13. (Currently Amended) The safety seat of claim ~~9~~ 40 in which said connectible latches each carry a hole to connect with one of said hook members.

14. (Original) The safety seat of claim 13 in which a third, centrally placed, latch member of said retention harness is provided, to latch with said connectible latches.

15. (Original) The safety seat of claim 14 in which said opposed side wall portions further comprise a carrying handle of inverted U shape, having arms attached to the remainder of said opposed side wall portions, each said retention member being carried on one of said arms.

16. (Currently Amended) A child safety seat which comprises:

a seat body having opposed side wall portions; a retention harness comprising opposed harness side portions, each harness side portion having a connectible latch; and a retention member carried on each side wall portion to temporarily [connect and] hold each latch in a laterally spaced position from the other latch, to facilitate the placement of a child into the safety seat prior to latching said retention harness connectible latches together, said retention harness also having a third, centrally placed, latch member to latch with said connectible latches, each said retention member comprising an extensible member which can stretch for a distance to permit each of said connectible latches to connect with the third, centrally placed latch member, each of said extensible members being biased to retract toward one of said laterally spaced positions and to carry said connectible latches with them.

17. (Original) The safety seat of claim 16 in which said opposed side wall portions further comprise a carrying handle of inverted U shape, having arms attached to the remainder of said opposed side wall portions, each said retention member being carried on one of said arms.

18. (Currently Amended) The safety seat of claim 16 in which each said retention member further comprises a hook member carried on said ~~an~~ extensible member.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) The safety seat of claim 17 ~~49~~ in which said connectible latches each carry a hole to connect with one of said hook members.

21. (New) The safety seat of claim 1 in which a third, centrally placed, latch member of said retention harness is provided, to latch with said connectible latches, said extensible members being of sufficient length to extend substantially to said third latch member.

22. (New) The safety seat of claim 16 in which a third, centrally placed, latch member of said retention harness is provided, to latch with said connectible latches, said extensible members being of sufficient length to extend substantially to said third latch member.